

REMARKS

Examiners Rashid and Siconolfi are thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on February 22, 2008.

It is believed that the Interview Summary accurately reflects what was discussed and agreed upon at the Interview.

Reconsideration of the provisional rejection of Claims 2-22 under statutory type (35 U.S.C. §101) double patenting is hereby requested. As noted below, Claim 22 has been amended as agreed to at the Office Interview. Claims 2, 9 and 10 have been cancelled. Applicants submit that Claims 3-8 and 11-22 currently pending in this application are patently distinct from Claims 2-20 in 10/510,037. Furthermore, since the claims in 10/510,037 have not been allowed, withdrawal of this proposed rejection is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the objection to Claims 4, 10, 12-16 and 18-20 is hereby requested. Claims 4, 10, 12-16 and 18-20 have been amended to clarify their claim language. Therefore, reconsideration of these objections is respectfully requested.

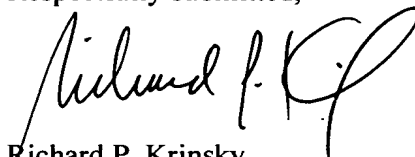
Reconsideration of the rejection of Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is hereby requested. Claim 10 has been amended to clarify the antecedent basis issue. Therefore, reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 22, 2, 13, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Blösch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,012,556) and the rejection of Claims 2-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolfsteiner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,722,477) in view of Brooks (U.S. Patent No. 5,246,091) or Nadas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,431,089) is hereby requested. As stated in the Interview summary "The independent claim 22 was discussed and an agreement was reached that the proposed amendment of the claim would overcome the applied references." Claim 22 has been amended as proposed. Claims 2, 9 and 10 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Therefore, independent Claim 22 and dependent Claims 3-8 and 11-21 are considered to have overcome these rejections and are considered to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Claims 3-8 and 11-22 and the Application are in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (566/42764).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Krinsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "K" at the end.

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Enclosure: Amendments to the Claims